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AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE AND RELATED STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (15) of subsection (a) of section 38a-25 of the
- 2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 4 (15) Captive insurers, as defined in section [38a-91k] 38a-91aa, if a
- 5 registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the
- 6 registered office of the captive insurance company.
- 7 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 38a-91ff of the general statutes is
- 8 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 9 passage):
- 10 (d) In the case of a captive insurance company:
- 11 (1) [(A)] Formed as a corporation, before the articles of
- 12 incorporation are transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the
- 13 incorporators shall petition the Insurance Commissioner to issue a
- 14 certificate setting forth the commissioner's finding that the

- 15 establishment and maintenance of the proposed corporation will
- 16 promote the general good of the state. In arriving at such a finding the
- 17 commissioner shall consider:
- 18 [(i)] (A) The character, reputation, financial standing and purposes
- 19 of the incorporators;
- 20 [(ii)] (B) The character, reputation, financial responsibility, insurance
- 21 experience and business qualifications of the officers and directors;
- 22 and
- [(iii)] (C) Such other aspects as the commissioner deems advisable.
- 24 [(B) The articles of incorporation, such certificate and the
- organization fee shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the State who
- shall record both the articles of incorporation and the certificate.
- 27 (2) Formed as a reciprocal insurer, the organizers shall petition the
- 28 commissioner to issue a certificate setting forth the commissioner's
- 29 finding that the establishment and maintenance of the proposed
- 30 association will promote the general good of the state. In arriving at
- 31 such a finding the commissioner shall consider the items set forth in
- 32 [subparagraph (A) of] subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 33 (3) Formed as a limited liability company, before the articles of
- 34 organization are transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the
- 35 organizers shall petition the commissioner to issue a certificate setting
- 36 forth the commissioner's finding that the establishment and
- 37 maintenance of the proposed company will promote the general good
- 38 of the state. In arriving at such a finding, the commissioner shall
- 39 consider the items set forth in [subparagraph (A) of] subdivision (1) of
- 40 this subsection.
- 41 (4) The articles of incorporation and certificate set forth in
- 42 <u>subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection, shall be transmitted</u>
- 43 to the Secretary of the State along with any fees required by the
- 44 Secretary of State, who shall record both the articles of incorporation

45 and the certificate.

- Sec. 3. Section 38a-465a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) Except as otherwise provided in this part, no person shall act as a provider or broker until the person is licensed by the commissioner pursuant to this section.
 - (b) Any applicant for a license as a provider or broker shall submit written application to the commissioner. Such applicants shall provide such information as the commissioner requires. All initial applications shall be accompanied by a filing fee specified in section 38a-11.
 - (c) A life insurance producer, who has been duly licensed as a resident insurance producer with a life line of authority in this state or in said producer's home state for not less than one year and is licensed as a nonresident producer pursuant to section 38a-702g, shall be deemed to meet the licensing requirements of this section and shall be permitted to operate as a broker.
 - (d) Not later than thirty days from the first day of operating as a broker, a life insurance producer shall notify the commissioner that said producer is acting as a broker on a form prescribed by the commissioner, and shall pay a filing fee as specified in section 38a-11. Such notification shall include an acknowledgement by the life insurance producer that said producer shall operate as a broker in accordance with this part.
 - (e) The insurer that issued the policy that is the subject of a life settlement contract shall not be responsible for any act or omission of a broker, provider or purchaser arising out of or in connection with the life settlement transaction, unless the insurer receives compensation for the placement of a life settlement contract from the broker, provider or purchaser in connection with such life settlement contract.
- 74 (f) A person licensed as an attorney, certified public accountant or

- financial planner accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation agency, who is retained to represent the owner and whose compensation is not paid directly or indirectly by the provider or purchaser, may negotiate life settlement contracts on behalf of the owner without being required to obtain a license as a broker.
 - (g) Any license issued for a provider or broker shall be in force only until the last day of March in each year, but may be renewed by the commissioner without formality other than proper application. The fees for such licenses shall be assessed annually, as provided in section 38a-11. If such provider or broker fails to timely pay the renewal fee, such license shall be automatically revoked if the license fee is not received by the commissioner not later than the fifth day after the commissioner sends, by first class mail, a written notice of nonrenewal to the principal office of the provider or broker, provided such notice shall only be mailed after said last day of March.
 - [(h) The term of a provider license shall be equal to that of a domestic stock life insurance company and the term of a broker license shall be equal to that of an insurance producer license. Licenses requiring periodic renewal shall be renewed on their anniversary date upon payment of the renewal fee, as specified in subsection (b) of this section. Failure to pay the fees on or before the renewal date shall result in expiration of the license.]
- [(i)] (h) Upon the filing of an application and full payment of the license fee, the commissioner shall investigate the applicant and shall issue a license if the commissioner determines that:
- 100 (1) The applicant, if a provider, has provided a detailed plan of operation;
- 102 (2) The applicant is competent and trustworthy, and intends to act 103 in good faith pursuant to the license applied for;
- 104 (3) The applicant has a good business reputation and adequate

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- experience, training or education so as to be qualified in the business for which the license is applied;
- (4) If the applicant is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity, the applicant is formed or organized pursuant to the laws of this state or is a foreign legal entity authorized to do business in this state, or provides a certificate of good standing from its state of domicile; and
- 112 (5) The applicant has provided to the commissioner an antifraud 113 plan that meets the requirements of subsection (i) of section 38a-465j 114 and includes:
- 115 (A) A description of the procedures for detecting and investigating 116 possible fraudulent acts and procedures for resolving material 117 inconsistencies between medical records and insurance applications;
- 118 (B) A description of the procedures for reporting fraudulent 119 insurance acts to the commissioner;
- 120 (C) A description of the plan for antifraud education and training of 121 its underwriters and other personnel; and
- (D) A written description or chart outlining the arrangement of the antifraud personnel responsible for the investigation and reporting of possible fraudulent insurance acts and investigating unresolved material inconsistencies between medical records and insurance applications.
 - [(j)] (i) The applicant shall provide to the commissioner such information as the commissioner may require, on forms approved by the commissioner. The commissioner may, at any time, require the applicant to fully disclose the identity of its stockholders, except stockholders owning less than ten per cent of the shares of an applicant whose shares are publicly traded, partners, officers and employees, and the commissioner may deny any application for a license if the commissioner determines that any partner, officer, employee or

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- stockholder thereof who may materially influence the applicant's conduct fails to meet any of the standards set forth in sections 38a-465
- 137 to 38a-465q, inclusive.
- [(k)] (j) A license issued to a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity authorizes all of such legal entity's members, officers and designated employees named in the application for such license, and any supplements to the application, to act as a licensee under such license.
- [(l)] (k) The commissioner shall not issue any license to any nonresident applicant unless a written designation of an agent for service of process is filed and maintained with the commissioner or unless the applicant has filed with the commissioner the applicant's written irrevocable consent that any action against the applicant may be commenced against the applicant by service of process on the commissioner.
 - [(m)] (1) Each licensee shall file with the commissioner on or before the first day of March of each year an annual statement containing such information as the commissioner may prescribe by regulation.
- [(n)] (m) A provider shall not use any person to perform the functions of a broker, as defined in this part, unless such person holds a current, valid license as a broker and as provided in this section.
- [(o)] (n) A broker shall not use any person to perform the functions of a provider, as defined in this part, unless such person holds a current, valid license as a provider and as provided in this section.
- [(p)] (o) A provider or broker shall provide to the commissioner new or revised information about officers, stockholders holding ten per cent or more of the company's stock, partners, directors, members or designated employees not later than thirty days after the change in information.
- [(q)] (p) An individual licensed as a broker shall complete, on a

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- 165 biennial basis, fifteen hours of training related to life settlements and
- 166 life settlement transactions, except that a life insurance producer
- 167 operating as a broker pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the
- 168 requirements of this subsection. Any person failing to meet the
- 169 requirements of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties
- 170 imposed by the commissioner.
- 171 Sec. 4. Section 38a-465g of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 172 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 173 (a) Before entering into a life settlement contract with any owner of
- 174 a policy wherein the insured is terminally ill or chronically ill, a
- 175 provider shall obtain:
- 176 (1) If the owner is the insured, a written statement from a licensed
- 177 attending physician that the owner is of sound mind and under no
- 178 constraint or undue influence to enter into the settlement contract; and
- 179 (2) A document in which the insured consents to the release of the
- 180 insured's medical records to a provider, broker or insurance producer,
- 181 and, if the policy was issued less than two years from the date of
- 182 application for a settlement contract, to the insurance company that
- 183 issued the policy.
- 184 (b) The insurer shall respond to a request for verification of
- 185 coverage submitted by a provider, broker or life insurance producer on 186 a form approved by the commissioner not later than thirty calendar
- 187 days after the date the request was received. The insurer shall
- 188 complete and issue the verification of coverage or indicate in which
- 189 respects it is unable to respond. In its response, the insurer shall
- 190 indicate whether, based on the medical evidence and documents
- 191 provided, the insurer intends to pursue an investigation regarding the
- 192 validity of the policy.
- 193 (c) Prior to or at the time of execution of the settlement contract, the
- 194 provider shall obtain a witnessed document in which the owner

- 195 consents to the settlement contract, represents that the owner has a full 196 and complete understanding of the settlement contract, that the owner 197 has a full and complete understanding of the benefits of the policy, 198 acknowledges that the owner is entering into the settlement contract 199 freely and voluntarily and, for persons with a terminal or chronic 200 illness or condition, acknowledges that the insured has a terminal or 201 chronic illness or condition and that the terminal or chronic illness or 202 condition was diagnosed after the life insurance policy was issued.
 - (d) If a broker or life insurance producer performs any of the activities required of the provider under this section, the provider shall be deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of this section.
 - (e) If a broker performs the verification of coverage activities required of the provider, the provider shall be deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of subsection (a) of section 38a-465f.]
 - [(f)] (e) The insurer shall not unreasonably delay effecting change of ownership or beneficiary with any life settlement contract lawfully entered into in this state or with a resident of this state.
- 212 [(g)] (f) Not later than twenty days after an owner executes the life 213 settlement contract, the provider shall give written notice to the insurer that issued the policy that the policy has become subject to a life settlement contract. The notice shall be accompanied by [the 216 documents set forth in subsection (c) of section 38a-465h] a copy of the medical records release required under subdivision (2) of subsection 218 (a) of this section and a copy of the insured's application for the life 219 settlement contract.
- 220 [(h)] (g) All medical information solicited or obtained by any person 221 licensed pursuant to this part shall be subject to applicable provisions 222 of law relating to the confidentiality of medical information.
- 223 [(i)] (h) Each life settlement contract entered into in this state shall 224 provide that the owner may rescind the contract not later than fifteen

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days from the date it is executed by all parties thereto. Such rescission exercised by the owner shall be effective only if both notice of rescission is given to the provider and the owner repays all proceeds and any premiums, loans and loan interest paid by the provider within the rescission period. A failure to provide written notice of the right of rescission shall toll the period of such right until thirty days after the written notice of the right of rescission has been given. If the insured dies during the rescission period, the contract shall be deemed to have been rescinded, subject to repayment by the owner or the owner's estate of all proceeds and any premiums, loans and loan interest to the provider.

[(j)] (i) Not later than three business days after the date the provider receives the documents from the owner to effect the transfer of the insurance policy, the provider shall pay or transfer the proceeds of the settlement into an escrow or trust account managed by a trustee or escrow agent in a state or federally-chartered financial institution whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Not later than three business days after receiving acknowledgment of the transfer of the insurance policy from the issuer of the policy, said trustee or escrow agent shall pay the settlement proceeds to the owner.

[(k)] (j) Failure to tender the life settlement contract proceeds to the owner within the time set forth in section 38a-465f shall render the viatical settlement contract voidable by the owner for lack of consideration until the time such consideration is tendered to, and accepted by, the owner.

[(l)] (k) Any fee paid by a provider, party, individual or an owner to a broker in exchange for services provided to the owner pertaining to a life settlement contract shall be computed as a percentage of the offer obtained and not as a percentage of the face value of the policy. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a broker from reducing such broker's fee below such percentage.

- [(m)] (1) Each broker shall disclose to the owner anything of value paid or given to such broker in connection with a life settlement contract concerning the owner.
 - [(n)] (m) No person at anytime prior to, or at the time of, the application for or issuance of a policy, or during a two-year period commencing with the date of issuance of the policy, shall enter into a life settlement contract regardless of the date the compensation is to be provided and regardless of the date the assignment, transfer, sale, devise, bequest or surrender of the policy is to occur. This prohibition shall not apply if the owner certifies to the provider that:
 - (1) The policy was issued upon the owner's exercise of conversion rights arising out of a group or individual policy, provided the total of the time covered under the conversion policy plus the time covered under the prior policy is not less than twenty-four months. The time covered under a group policy must be calculated without regard to a change in insurance carriers, provided the coverage has been continuous and under the same group sponsorship; or
 - (2) The owner submits independent evidence to the provider that one or more of the following conditions have been met within said two-year period: (A) The owner or insured is terminally ill or chronically ill; (B) the owner or insured disposes of the owner or insured's ownership interests in a closely held corporation, pursuant to the terms of a buyout or other similar agreement in effect at the time the insurance policy was initially issued; (C) the owner's spouse dies; (D) the owner divorces his or her spouse; (E) the owner retires from full-time employment; (F) the owner becomes physically or mentally disabled and a physician determines that the disability prevents the owner from maintaining full-time employment; or (G) a final order, judgment or decree is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction on the application of a creditor of the owner, adjudicating the owner bankrupt or insolvent, or approving a petition seeking reorganization of the owner or appointing a receiver, trustee or liquidator to all or a

289 substantial part of the owner's assets.

- [(o)] (n) Copies of the independent evidence required by subdivision (2) of subsection [(n)] (m) of this section shall be submitted to the insurer when the provider submits a request to the insurer for verification of coverage. The copies shall be accompanied by a letter of attestation from the provider that the copies are true and correct copies of the documents received by the provider. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an insurer from exercising its right to contest the validity of any policy.
- [(p)] (o) If, at the time the provider submits a request to the insurer to effect the transfer of the policy to the provider, the provider submits a copy of independent evidence of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection [(n)] (m) of this section, such copy shall be deemed to establish that the settlement contract satisfies the requirements of this section.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 38a-479rr of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (b) (1) A current and accurate list of authorized marketers, specified in subparagraph (M) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, shall be submitted to the commissioner with each renewal fee, as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.
 - (2) Any change made to the list of authorized marketers, specified in subparagraph (M) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, shall be electronically filed with the commissioner. If such change is to add a marketer to a medical discount plan organization's list of authorized marketers, such change shall be electronically filed by such organization prior to the marketer doing business in the state for such organization.
- 318 (3) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with

- chapter 54, to establish the procedure and format of the electronic
- 320 filing [and acknowledgment] set forth in this subsection.
- Sec. 6. Subsection (v) of section 38a-479rr of the general statutes is
- 322 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 323 October 1, 2009):
- 324 (v) (1) A medical discount plan organization may market directly or
- 325 contract with marketers for the distribution of a medical discount plan.
- 326 The medical discount plan organization shall execute a written
- 327 agreement with a marketer and comply with the requirements set forth
- in subparagraph (M) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) or subsection
- 329 (b) of this section, as applicable, prior to the marketing, advertising or
- 330 selling of such medical discount plan by such marketer. Such written
- agreement shall prohibit the marketer from using any advertising and
- 332 marketing materials, including, but not limited to, brochures and
- 333 medical discount plan cards, without the written approval of the
- 334 medical discount plan organization prior to the usage of such
- advertising and marketing materials.
- 336 (2) If a marketer uses any marketing or advertising materials that
- 337 are in violation of subsection (b) of section 38a-479qq, the
- commissioner may order a medical discount plan organization to immediately remove such marketer from such medical discount plan
- organization's list of authorized marketers specified in subparagraph
- 341 (M) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. [In addition, the
- 342 commissioner may order the medical discount plan organization to
- 343 return membership fees paid by residents of the state who were
- 344 harmed by such violation.]
- 345 (3) During an investigation by the commissioner of an alleged
- 346 violation set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a medical
- 347 discount plan organization shall make available to the commissioner,
- 348 upon request, a copy of such organization's contract with such
- 349 marketer, and any marketing and advertising materials of such
- 350 marketer.

Sec. 7. Section 38a-492j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or after October 1, 2000, that provides coverage for ostomy surgery shall include coverage, up to one thousand dollars annually, for medically necessary appliances and supplies relating to an ostomy including, but not limited to, collection devices, irrigation equipment and supplies, skin barriers and skin protectors. As used in this section, "ostomy" includes colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy. Payments under this section shall not be applied to any policy maximums for durable medical equipment. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to decrease policy benefits in excess of the limits in this section.

Sec. 8. Section 38a-504 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Each insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, health care center or fraternal benefit society [which] that delivers, [or] issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues in this state individual health insurance policies providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (10), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469, shall provide coverage under such policies for the surgical removal of tumors and treatment of leukemia, including outpatient chemotherapy, reconstructive surgery, cost of any nondental prosthesis including any maxillo-facial prosthesis used to replace anatomic structures lost during treatment for head and neck tumors or additional appliances essential for the support of such prosthesis, outpatient chemotherapy following surgical procedure in connection with the treatment of tumors, and a wig if prescribed by a licensed oncologist for a patient who suffers hair loss as a result of chemotherapy. Such benefits shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to all other benefits under such policies.

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- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the coverage required by subsection (a) of this section shall provide at least a yearly benefit of five hundred dollars for the surgical removal of tumors, five hundred dollars for reconstructive surgery, five hundred dollars for outpatient chemotherapy, three hundred fifty dollars for a wig and three hundred dollars for a nondental prosthesis, except that for purposes of the surgical removal of breasts due to tumors the yearly benefit for prosthesis shall be at least three hundred dollars for each breast removed.
- (c) The coverage required by subsection (a) of this section shall provide benefits for the reasonable costs of reconstructive surgery on each breast on which a mastectomy has been performed, and reconstructive surgery on a nondiseased breast to produce a symmetrical appearance. Such benefits shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to all other benefits under such policies. For the purposes of this subsection, reconstructive surgery includes, but is not limited to, augmentation mammoplasty, reduction mammoplasty and mastopexy.
- Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 38a-517a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or after January 1, [2000] 2010, shall provide coverage for general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services provided in conjunction with in-patient, outpatient or one-day dental services if the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services are deemed medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral surgeon and the patient's primary care physician in accordance with the health insurance policy's requirements for prior authorization of services; and

- (2) The patient is either (A) determined by a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed physician who specializes in primary care, to have a dental condition of significant dental complexity that it requires certain dental procedures to be performed in a hospital, or (B) a person who has a developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who specializes in primary care, that places the person at serious risk.
- Sec. 10. Section 38a-518j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 424 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type 425 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 426 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this 427 state on or after October 1, [2000] 2010, that provides coverage for 428 ostomy surgery shall include coverage, up to one thousand dollars 429 annually, for medically necessary appliances and supplies relating to 430 an ostomy including, but not limited to, collection devices, irrigation 431 equipment and supplies, skin barriers and skin protectors. As used in 432 this section, "ostomy" includes colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy. 433 Payments under this section shall not be applied to any policy 434 maximums for durable medical equipment. Nothing in this section 435 shall be deemed to decrease policy benefits in excess of the limits in 436 this section.
- Sec. 11. Section 38a-542 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) Each insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, health care center or fraternal benefit society [which] that delivers, [or] issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues in this state group health insurance policies providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 shall provide coverage under such policies for treatment of leukemia, including outpatient chemotherapy, reconstructive surgery, cost of any nondental prosthesis, including any

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maxillo-facial prosthesis used to replace anatomic structures lost during treatment for head and neck tumors or additional appliances essential for the support of such prosthesis, outpatient chemotherapy following surgical procedures in connection with the treatment of tumors, a wig if prescribed by a licensed oncologist for a patient who suffers hair loss as a result of chemotherapy, and costs of removal of any breast implant which was implanted on or before July 1, 1994, without regard to the purpose of such implantation, which removal is determined to be medically necessary. Such benefits shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to all other benefits under such policies.

- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the coverage required by subsection (a) of this section shall provide at least a yearly benefit of one thousand dollars for the costs of removal of any breast implant, five hundred dollars for the surgical removal of tumors, five hundred dollars for reconstructive surgery, five hundred dollars for outpatient chemotherapy, three hundred fifty dollars for a wig and three hundred dollars for a nondental prosthesis, except that for purposes of the surgical removal of breasts due to tumors the yearly benefit for prosthesis shall be at least three hundred dollars for each breast removed.
- (c) The coverage required by subsection (a) of this section shall provide benefits for the reasonable costs of reconstructive surgery on each breast on which a mastectomy has been performed, and reconstructive surgery on a nondiseased breast to produce a symmetrical appearance. Such benefits shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to all other benefits under such policies. For the purposes of this subsection, reconstructive surgery includes, but is not limited to, augmentation mammoplasty, reduction mammoplasty and mastopexy.
- Sec. 12. Section 14-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The commissioner may suspend or revoke the license or licenses of any licensee or impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each violation on any licensee or both, when, after notice and hearing, the commissioner finds that the licensee (1) has violated any provision of any statute or regulation of any state or any federal statute or regulation pertaining to its business as a licensee or has failed to comply with the terms of a final decision and order of any state department or federal agency concerning any such provision; or (2) has failed to maintain such records of transactions concerning the purchase, sale or repair of motor vehicles or major component parts, as required by such regulations as shall be adopted by the commissioner, for a period of two years after such purchase, sale or repairs, provided the records shall include the vehicle identification number and the name and address of the person from whom each vehicle or part was purchased and to whom each vehicle or part was sold, if a sale occurred; or (3) has failed to allow inspection of such records by the commissioner or the commissioner's representative during normal business hours, provided written notice stating the purpose of the inspection is furnished to the licensee, or has failed to allow inspection of such records by any representative of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety or any organized local police department, which inspection may include examination of the premises to determine the accuracy of such records; or (4) has made a false statement as to the condition, prior ownership or prior use of any motor vehicle sold, exchanged, transferred, offered for sale or repaired if the licensee knew or should have known that such statement was false; or (5) is not qualified to conduct the licensed business, applying the standards of section 14-51 and the applicable regulations; or (6) has violated any provision of sections 42-221 to 42-226, inclusive; or (7) has failed to fully execute or provide the buyer with (A) an order as described in section 14-62, (B) the properly assigned certificate of title, or (C) a temporary transfer or new issue of registration; or (8) has failed to deliver a motor vehicle free and clear of all liens, unless written notification is given to the buyer stating such motor vehicle

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- 513 shall be purchased subject to a lien; or (9) has violated any provision of 514 sections 14-65f to 14-65j, inclusive, 14-65l, 14-65m or section 38a-465a, 515 as amended by this act; or (10) has used registration number plates 516 issued by the commissioner, in violation of the provisions and 517 standards set forth in sections 14-59 and 14-60 and the applicable 518 regulations; or (11) has failed to secure or to account for or surrender 519 to the commissioner on demand official registration plates or any other 520 official materials in its custody. In addition to, or in lieu of, the 521 imposition of any other penalties authorized by this section, the 522 commissioner may order any such licensee to make restitution to any 523 aggrieved customer.
- Sec. 13. Section 14-65e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- For the purposes of sections 14-65f to 14-65j, inclusive, <u>and 14-65l</u> and 14-65m, "motor vehicle repair shop" or "repair shop" means a new car dealer, a used car dealer, a repairer, or a limited repairer, as defined in section 14-51, or their agents or employees.
- Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 14-65g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 533 (a) A customer may waive his right to the estimate of the costs of 534 parts and labor required by section 14-65f, only in writing in 535 accordance with this section. Such a waiver shall include an 536 authorization to perform reasonable and necessary repairs to remedy 537 the problems complained of, at a cost not to exceed a fixed dollar 538 amount. The waiver shall be signed by the customer and the customer 539 shall be given a fully completed copy of the waiver at the time it is 540 signed. No repair shop shall use waivers to evade its duties under 541 sections 14-65e to 14-65j, inclusive, and 14-65l and 14-65m.
- Sec. 15. Section 14-65k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- 544 Vehicles Commissioner of Motor (a) may conduct 545 investigations and hold hearings on any matter under the provisions of 546 sections 14-51 to 14-65j, inclusive, and 14-65l and 14-65m. The 547 commissioner may issue subpoenas, administer oaths, compel 548 testimony and order the production of books, records and documents. 549 If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to produce any book, 550 record, paper or document when so ordered, upon application of the commissioner, a judge of the Superior Court may make such order as 552 may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this section.
 - (b) The Attorney General, at the request of the commissioner, is authorized to apply in the name of the state of Connecticut to the Superior Court for an order temporarily or permanently restraining and enjoining any person from violating any provision of sections 14-51 to 14-65j, inclusive, and 14-65l and 14-65m.
- 558 Sec. 16. Section 29-152n of the general statutes is repealed and the 559 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - Any person who violates any provision of sections 29-152e to 29-152m, inclusive, [and 38a-660a] shall be guilty of a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	from passage	38a-25(a)(15)
Sec. 2	from passage	38a-91ff(d)
Sec. 3	from passage	38a-465a
Sec. 4	from passage	38a-465g
Sec. 5	from passage	38a-479rr(b)
Sec. 6	October 1, 2009	38a-479rr(v)
Sec. 7	from passage	38a-492j
Sec. 8	from passage	38a-504
Sec. 9	from passage	38a-517a(a)
Sec. 10	from passage	38a-518j
Sec. 11	from passage	38a-542
Sec. 12	from passage	14-64
Sec. 13	from passage	14-65e

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Sec. 14	from passage	14-65g(a)
Sec. 15	from passage	14-65k
Sec. 16	from passage	29-152n

Statement of Purpose:

To make conforming and clarifying changes to the insurance and related statutes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]